

APPLETON PLANNING BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

Attending: David Kelley, Dan Wyman, Ed Carroll, Gary Roberts

Reviewed, corrected, and approved minutes from last month's meeting.

Joe Maddocks attended at the suggestion of CEO Officer, Dave Schoefield. A resident had passed through Mr. Maddocks' property and noticed what appeared to be a mining operation. Ed and Dave did a visit to the site and observed what they described as a casual operation, with an excavator that appeared to be prying loose exposed ledge, gathering stone into piles. The affected area is approximately 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.

Mr. Schoefield sent a letter informing Mr. Maddocks to stop work on drainage of a road near wetlands. Mr. Maddocks complied and rock extraction was also stopped at that time.

Mr. Maddocks reports that:

- It's a 51 acre parcel purchased 25 years ago.
- he was approached by Mike Pease, and his brother, who requested that they be able to extract stone for landscaping purposes. In return, he pays Mr. Maddocks a fee each year. Mr. Maddocks reports that this helps pay his property taxes for the land.
- Some years, there has been no extraction.
- The land is bounded on Guinea Ridge Rd, Collinstown Rd, and land owned by The Nature Conservancy.
- There has been no drilling and no blasting
- Mr. Maddocks doesn't participate in the mining.
- There are vague records of how much stone is extracted
- The land is mostly in Mr. Maddocks' son's name, but he has a sworn document from his son giving him permission to act and make decisions on the use of the land.

The group reviewed Articles 2 and 3 of the Appleton Mining Ordinance to determine if it applies. The discussion continued:

- Gary asked if there was a plan to expand beyond the area currently affected. Mr. Maddocks reports "We don't have a plan."
- The group agreed that the mining ordinance applies and that an application needs to be developed and presented to the Board.
 - Dan suggested that the application would clarify the parameters of any current or future mining

The group went through the mining ordinance to give Mr. Maddocks some suggestions of what should be included:

From Article IV, 1A:

-It is suggested that both father and son (Maddocks) be listed on the application and that the reported power of attorney should be cited.

B: -Copy of deed,

-Letter that states there are no liens, mortgages, etc.

C, 4: Copy of tax map, list abutters names.

C5: Footprint of Rock Pit within the lot

C7: Show road that goes to the rock pit

C9:

C15: N/A

C 13: N/A

C 14: Footprint

C 15: Show drainage

C 16 Show all wells

C 17 Mr. Maddocks reports that no fuel is stored on site., state that.

G: State soil survey map

H: A description of intention to minimize erosion and runoff

J: (Ed will consult with the CEO for guidance on this)

K: Statement that there are no significant wildlife habitat on this parcel

M: "Best guess"

P: leave it "not dangerous."

There was discussion of planning a visit to the site before our next meeting if Mr. Maddocks plans to proceed with an application.